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**AMENDMENT AND
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Attorney Docket Number	10991975-1
Filing Date	January 3, 2001
First Named Inventor	Karla M. Robotti
Examiner	Brian R. Gordon
Group Art	1713
Title	<i>Methods of Using Chemico-Mechanical Micro valve Devices for the Selective Separation of Components from Multi-Component Fluid Samples</i>

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 23, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 23, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the amendments and remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Sir:

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| () New fee as calculated below | () Supplemental Declaration |
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